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MEETING NOTICE

Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Board will meet on Thursday, December 21, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the County Building in Cave Junction. The agenda for the meeting will include but is not limited to the following:

- *Approval of Minutes
- *Financial Report
- *Agency Reports
- *ODA – Eric Nusbaum – Inland
- Rogue Water Quality Management
- *Old Business
- *New Business

If you need assistance or information, please contact the IVSWCD Office at 592-3731 during regular business hours.

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MEETING NOTICE

Illinois Valley Watershed Council will meet on Thursday, December 21, 2006, immediately following the IVSWCD Board Meeting, in the County Building in Cave Junction. The agenda for the meeting will include but is not limited to the following:

- *Approval of Minutes
- *Project Updates
- *Old Business
- *New Business

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The teamster sits on a horse at the back of the team where he gives commands to maneuver three loaded wagons to their destination. The first three pairs of animals are mules

(long ears) and the two at the back, including the one being ridden by the teamster, are horses. (Photo courtesy of Josephine County Historical Society and Roger Brandt)

Early teamsters reined supreme with each team

By ROGER BRANDT

For IVN

One of the least-appreciated accomplishments during the first 30 years of Josephine County's history was the work done by the men who drove supply wagons from Crescent City, Calif. to the Illinois Valley mining communities.

These drivers maneuvered tons of supplies over steep, rugged mountain roads using nothing more than a single cotton rope and verbal commands.

Maneuvering a team and wagon on a narrow mountain road was complicated by the way the team of six-to-eight horses and mules were connected by a long tow chain to the wagons. When going around a sharp turn, this chain naturally pulls in a straight line following the first pair in the team. This would inevitably cause the wagon to turn before getting to the curve where it might fall into a ravine, dragging the whole team down the mountain with it.

Teamsters kept their freight

wagons on the road by training their team to make special maneuvers. They were directed with tugs on a cotton rope, called a "jerk line," attached to one of the lead mules, and verbal commands given each pair of animals in the team.

Here is what a teamster might do to get his team of eight animals and wagon around a left turn in the road: A steady pull on the "jerk line" started the lead mules around the turn. As the leads made their turn, he verbally commanded the next pair to jump over the tow chain and pull right.

They did this to prevent the wagon from turning to follow the lead animals. When this pair came to the point where they needed to follow the road to the left, the teamster would give the command for them to jump back into their normal position and follow the leads.

At the same time he gave the command for the third pair to jump over the chain and pull to the right to prevent the wagon from following the two pairs who already made

the turn. As the wagon was pulled into position for making the turn, the horses attached to the tongue of the wagon, known as the wheelers, guided the wagon around the curve.

Considering how much was involved in going around one turn, you can imagine what it must have been like to go around an "S" curve. And many times this was done while pulling two wagons maneuvered with nothing more than verbal commands and a tug on a rope tied to one of the lead animals.

Today, we can only imagine the fascinating spectacle these freight wagons made as they traveled on mountain roads. Perhaps with a little imagination we can hear the pounding of 32 hooves digging into the ground, a tow chain chiming an irregular rhythm, creaking wheels straining under the weight of a full load, and the sound of the driver commanding the team.

This was how supplies and groceries were put on the shelves of stores in the first years of Josephine County's history.

Sports Challenge

1. What football team had 75 percent fewer women try out for its cheerleading squad after it won only one game in 1989?
2. What Olympic sport includes fencing, swimming, shooting, running and riding?
3. Who, in 1993, became the first PGA Tour golfer to win three straight tournaments since 1980?
4. What team won its first of many Super Bowls in 1975?
5. What 43-year-old became the oldest major leaguer to pitch a no-hitter, in 1990?
6. What was the first NBA team to draft a black player?
7. Who were the first father and son to play on the same baseball team in major league history?
8. What golfer set an all-time PGA Tour record during the 1993 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic by finishing 35 under par?
9. What college football conference made the most bowl appearances during the 1980s?
10. How many no-hit games were pitched at Forbes Field, the Pittsburgh Pirates' home for 61 seasons?

1. The Dallas Cowboys; 2. Pentathlon; 3. Nick Price; 4. The Pittsburgh Steelers; 5. Nolan Ryan; 6. The Boston Celtics; 7. Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr.; 8. Tom Kite; 9. The Southwest Conference; 10. None

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A Look Back This Week

On Dec. 16, 1773, a cargo of tea was thrown overboard into Boston Harbor at the Boston Tea Party to protest the tea tax ... Dec. 17, 1903, Orville Wright made the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air mechanically propelled airplane near Kitty Hawk, N.C., at 120 feet in 12 seconds ... Dec. 17, 1903, Orville's brother, Wilbur, flew 852 feet in 59 seconds ... Dec. 11, 1941, the United States declared war on Germany and Italy ... Dec. 15, 1948, Alger Hiss was indicted for perjury, after denying he had passed secret documents to Whittaker Chambers for transmission to a Communist spy ring ... Dec. 15, 1960, the United States announced it backed a rightist group in Laos, which took power the next day ... Dec. 13, 2000, in a televised address to the nation, Vice President Al Gore conceded the presidential election to Gov. George W. Bush of Texas ... Dec. 11, 2001, the U.S. government indicted Zacarias Moussaoui as an alleged conspirator in the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks ... Dec. 13, 2001, President Bush announced that the United States would withdraw from the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty ... Dec. 13, 2001, the U.S. government released a tape of Osama bin Laden and others believed to have been made Nov. 9 in Kandahar; on the tape, bin Laden expressed surprise and pleasure at the number of "enemies" killed in the Sept. 11 attack ... Dec. 14, 2001, the Bush administration began wide international distribution of the tape, offering it as proof of bin Laden's complicity in the terrorist attacks and disregard for human life; many Muslims abroad claimed the tape was a fabrication ... Dec. 16, 2001, Secretary of State Colin Powell said, "We've destroyed al-Qaeda in Afghanistan" ... Dec. 17, 2001, it appeared that hundreds of Osama bin Laden's men were escaping through the mountains into Pakistan.

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Holiday safety urged by emergency physicians

For millions of homes, the holiday season would not be complete without decorations, twinkling lights, Christmas trees and candles.

Unfortunately these festive signs of the holiday season also can lead to injuries, and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) urges the public to keep safety in mind.

"The holiday season is a hectic time for all of us, filled with activities and errands, and many people pay less attention to safety and end up in an emergency department," said Dr. Brian Keaton, ACEP president.

More than 12,000 people are treated in the nation's emergency rooms each year due to falls, cuts, electrical shocks and burns from faulty holiday decorations or accidents that occur while placing decorations, according to statistics.

The holiday season also means parties where alcohol is served. More than a thousand people during December 2004 died in car crashes involving a car or motorcycle driver with an illegal blood alcohol content level of .08 or higher, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

ACEP offers the following safety tips to help the public avoid the most common injuries during the holiday season:

- *Clear snow and leaves from pathways and sprinkle salt on patches of ice.
- *Check children's shoes, socks and gloves periodically to make sure they are dry while playing outdoors in cold weather to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.
- *Find a safe place for children to sled. Make sure the area is free of fences, roadways, trees and other hazards. Choose a hill

where children cannot reach fast, uncontrollable speeds.

- *Wear seatbelts at all times.
- *Place all children under age 12 in the back seat and secure all children in appropriate safety restraints for their ages and sizes.
- *Never drink alcohol and drive; if you plan to drink alcohol, assign a designated driver.
- *Be aware of your surroundings, including changes in weather or traffic patterns.
- *Keep lighters and candles away from children and never leave burning candles unattended.
- *Have chimneys and fireplaces professionally inspected yearly to ensure they are safe to use and that the chimney is unobstructed.
- *Check decorative lights to make sure they are not broken and the wires are not bare or frayed.
- *Turn off all decorative lights before going to bed or leaving the house.
- *Avoid using sharp decorations and ornaments.
- *Keep Christmas trees away from fireplaces or other areas where high heat is present.
- *When buying an artificial tree, be sure the label indicates it is "fire resistant."
- *When buying a live tree, check for freshness (green, full of needles, sticky trunk). Fresh trees are less of a fire hazard and should be watered frequently.
- *Use the appropriate size ladder for any decorating job and have someone help you.
- *Have a first-aid kit nearby.
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